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House.

The Democratic party is now trying to

devise some parliamentary rule by which

it can be saved from itself.

Ex-Speaker Grow's majority is nearly
 150,000, while 159,872 votes elected ten Rep-
 resentatives in Virginia in 1902.

Since Senator Turpie shouted "cuckoo"
 to no purpose, there is reason to believe
 that he is even more inconsequential than
 before. Now the President likes him for
 voting against Hornbush.

The Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle says that
 "excluding the subcommittee and the ownership
 of railroads, the Democrats and the
 Populists of the South are not much apart."

That is not only a frank statement, but it
 is a true one.

An Anderson man has lived for five weeks
 on water and is comparatively happy. A
 great many thousand workmen who are in
 danger of being reduced to the same diet
 by the Wilson tariff would like his receipt
 for preparing the food.

"Trying to get together" is the word from
 the Democratic Senators regarding the Wil-
 son bill. It is a very difficult task for men
 who want protection for their special in-
 dustries and free trade for all the rest of
 the world to get together.

The typewriter employed by the Kansas
 Populists who are floating a scheme to
 build a double track railroad from Dako-
 ta to the Gulf of Mexico has been com-
 pelled to enter a suit to recover \$21 due
 her. But it is a year of hard times.

It was not necessary to telegraph from
 Washington that Chairman Voorhees has
 made no effort to save the industries of
 Indiana as have Democratic Senators in
 other States. He never did anything for
 Indiana when it was possible for him to
 be of service.

The rule for counting quorums which may
 be presented to the Democratic House is
 practically the rule of the Republican
 House, with the provision that all the Dem-
 ocrats in the House shall tell on their
 silent associates, and thus enable Speaker
 Crisp to do by their assistance what Reed
 did alone.

The Southern flat money Democrats are
 very angry over the criticisms of ex-Mayor
 Hewitt, whom they denounce savagely.

Mr. Livingston, of Georgia, late the Alliance
 leader, declared that "the South had fur-
 nished the brains which ran the govern-
 ment until the civil war, and now it was
 getting control of every department again."

This statement is part fact and part warn-
 ing.

The Clay County Enterprise says that the
 Democratic sheriff of that county has of-
 fered a neighbor the entire clip of a flock
 of sheep he owns, if the neighbor will take
 it off free of charge. The latter, says the
 Enterprise, "has accepted the proposition
 and will be the only wool dealer who will
 profit through Democratic free trade, that
 is, if the clip will pay for the shearing at
 free wool prices."

"Czar" Reed has been vindicated. A peti-
 tion to the House committee on rules ask-
 ing that the rules be so amended as to
 recognize the presence of a quorum when
 such quorum is actually present, even if not
 voting, has received the signatures of 145
 Democratic members. This shows that if
 the question of so amending the rules were
 submitted to the House it would be adopted
 by a large majority.

The President is right; if correspondents
 can see him every day at his work and
 occasionally be informed regarding his
 health, the sending out of reports to the
 contrary is a greater outrage upon the
 reading public than annoyance to Mr.
 Cleveland. Because a correspondent wishes
 to get even with the President for some
 slight or because he or his friend has not
 got an office, the country should not be
 victimized with a fake to the general dis-
 credit of the newspaper men in Washing-
 ton.

It will be seen from the appeal of Chair-
 man Holladay, of the Commercial Club re-
 lief committee, that more subscriptions are
 needed, and urgently needed. Humane
 people must make up their minds to prac-
 tice some self-denial to keep the thousands
 from starvation. We are in better condition
 than most cities, having proportionately
 many less to provide for, but the burden
 will not be light, nor will the necessity of
 bearing it soon pass away. Comparatively
 few people have subscribed heretofore.

Now the time has come when those who
 can contribute four, two, or even one dol-
 lar a month and practice self-denial to
 do it should subscribe. Can the committee
 announce a plan to reach them?

The Springfield (Mass.) Republican, a
 Cleveland organ, and the Charleston News
 and Courier, the only paper in the South
 that yet mourns "the lost cause," are hav-

ing a bit of controversy over the invita-
 tion of the National Encampment of the
 Grand Army to visit Atlanta, Ga., in 1905,
 the former charging the latter with being
 hostile to the invitation of the Union vet-
 erans. The Charleston paper goes on to
 explain:

In order that there may be no mistake
 about our position upon this subject, and
 that we may not be charged again by our
 contemporary with "a good deal of back-
 number Bourbonism," we repeat that the
 veterans have a most cordial reception in
 Atlanta, not because the people of
 Atlanta love them or respect them, but
 because their coming would be a good ad-
 vertisement for Atlanta. There is no sen-
 timent in it, no patriotism, no love for
 the old flag, no sorrow for the part that
 the South took in the war—it is strictly
 business. We think we may venture to
 say that the welcome of the veterans in
 Atlanta promises to be fully as cordial as
 would be the welcome of a body of con-
 federate veterans from any Northern city
 and for very much the same reason. At-
 lanta is very much like a Northern city
 in at least one respect—it knows how to
 "hustle," as Governor McKinley said the
 other day in speaking of the people of New
 York. It is not a city of sentiment, it is
 a city of business. It is a city of the
 future, and it is a city of the present.

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A SUDDEN CHANGE OF FRONT.

An amusing turn of the administration's
 Hawaiian policy is furnished by the state-
 ment from Washington that Minister Thur-
 ston occupied the seat of honor at a dinner
 party given by Secretary Gresham in some
 days ago. This is a complete change of
 front. For several months, while the ad-
 ministration was trying to restore the monarchy
 in Hawaii and was secretly knitting the pro-
 visional government, Mr. Thurston was
 snubbed in every possible way and given
 to understand that both he and his govern-
 ment were in disfavor. The slights put upon
 him were so marked and numerous as to
 justify a belief that the administration was
 trying to force him to resign or ask for
 his passports in order that it might get rid
 of a persona non grata. Now all is changed.

Mr. Thurston is not only invited to a diplo-
 matic dinner party by the Secretary of
 State, but is given the seat of honor at the
 Secretary's right hand. This means that
 the administration is trying to hedge. Real-
 izing that its late Hawaiian policy is dead
 beyond any hope of resurrection, it is now
 trying to make fair weather with the gov-
 ernment which, a little while ago, it was
 openly snubbing and secretly trying to over-
 throw. For months Minister Thurston got
 from the administration only "hooks," now
 he gets invitations to dinner and is accorded
 the seat of honor.

This sudden anxiety to placate the pro-
 visional government is attributed to a de-
 sire on the part of the administration to
 conciliate President Dole and influence him
 to tolerate Minister Willis a few months
 longer, until the administration can find
 some pretext for recalling him. At present
 Mr. Willis is only tolerated by the pro-
 visional government, and the moment a per-
 manent government is established he will
 undoubtedly receive his passports. How
 critical his present position is shown by
 the statement of a correspondent of the
 Boston Transcript, writing from Honolulu
 under date of Feb. 13: "It is rumored," says
 the writer, "that Minister Willis returns
 on the March steamer. His position here is
 embarrassing to him, for President Dole
 will never yield him an inch. He is consid-
 ered responsible for the diplomatic slight
 on the day of the anniversary celebration.
 The government would dismiss the Ameri-
 can representative but for fear of injuring
 the annexation cause. Personally he is high-
 ly esteemed, but he is thought to be Presi-
 dent Cleveland's tool." Of course, the ad-
 ministration knows of this state of affairs
 and of the imminent danger that Minister
 Willis may get his passports. Hence its
 change of front towards Minister Thurston.

MORE ATTENTION TO HOME AFFAIRS.

Few weeks pass that the Journal does not
 receive questions relating to the public debt
 and other topics connected with the na-
 tional finances, but rarely any inquiry rela-
 tive to the debt and finances of Indiana.

Those who ask the questions seem to as-
 sume that they are directly assessed to pay
 the public debt, when, as a matter of fact,
 for the necessities of life, since the prac-
 tical repeal of the sugar duty they have not
 paid a cent. On the other hand, the large
 and, until 1891, increasing debt of Indiana,
 with its large annual interest, every man
 who owns a home, or the scanty furniture
 in a home, must pay a tax thereon to
 carry the interest and now provide a
 sinking fund for the extinguishing of that
 debt. The average citizen of Indiana prac-
 tically pays no federal tax unless Ameri-
 can stuffs are not fine enough for his rail-
 ment, but he does pay a larger State tax,
 per capita, than any of the older States of
 the North, and as high county and other
 local taxes as in any State in the North.

And yet it is a matter that attracts little at-
 tention. Young men send to the Journal for
 information to be used in debates with
 Democrats and Populists regarding the pub-
 lic debt, the public expenditure, the cur-
 rency and such matters, but they seem not
 to discuss questions of State policy and ex-
 penditure, and the management of county
 and local affairs. There is the very im-
 portant matter of fees and salaries, which
 will be before the Legislature, the manage-
 ment of county affairs, the general policy
 of the management of the State institu-
 tions and other matters which deplete the
 pocketbooks of Indiana people, which seem
 to attract very little attention. Once in a
 while a county paper lets the light in upon
 the extravagance and dishonesty of county
 management, but it attracts little attention.

When a county defaulter turns up a tem-
 porary interest is manifested, but there
 seems to be no thought of changes which
 will place better safeguards around the
 public money, and to secure a more satis-
 factory management of county and munici-
 pal affairs. The national debt, that is, the
 interest-bearing debt of the United States,

is now less than \$10 per capita, and yet
 cross-roads statesmen who could not get
 credit for a dollar's worth of goods at the
 country store because of long unpaid ac-
 counts, are worrying their lives, or rather
 their tongues, out over the burden of the
 national debt. Let the readers of the
 Journal throughout Indiana waste no time
 listening or talking to such people, but
 discuss topics which pertain to better local
 government in Indiana. It is a fruitful
 theme about the time of the township elec-
 tions.

RESTORATION AT PURDUE.

The Lafayette Courier prints a letter
 from State Senator Parker, of Plymouth,
 to a member of the board of trustees of
 Purdue University, in which, referring to
 the recent destruction of the Halvelon
 shops, he says:

The loss is most unfortunate, yet it
 seems to me that there is just one thing to
 do—repair it. Ever since I became ac-
 quainted with the institutions to which the
 State has given assistance, except those
 which are in the nature of asylums, it
 seems to have been the settled policy of the
 State to repair and to sustain the school,
 and to make it the first of its kind in the
 country. I know personally what a deep
 interest you take in the institution. That
 has added to the regret I felt as a citizen
 of the State on account of the loss. The
 State is rapidly getting in better condition
 financially, and while I cannot speak as
 one having a slight control over the ex-
 penditure of the State funds, I might
 speak of the time were it a year hence. I
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